

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1.     A decorative light string assembly, comprising:  
2                     a string of light bulb sockets electrically interconnected by an  
3     electrical cord and terminated by at least one electrical connector; and  
4                     a plurality of decorative light bulbs mated with the sockets, each  
5     decorative light bulb comprising a plain light bulb covered by a flexible outer  
6     coating in the shape of a candle flame.
- 1           2.     The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein the flexible outer  
2     coating includes at least one of a colored pigment and a scent.
- 1           3.     The light string assembly of claim 2, wherein the at least one of  
2     a colored pigment or scent is representative of a holiday or season.
- 1           4.     The light string assembly of claim 3, wherein the flexible outer  
2     covering includes colored pigment selected from red, white and blue for July  
3     Fourth, red and green for Christmas, red and white for Valentine's Day and  
4     orange for Halloween.
- 1           5.     The light string assembly of claim 2, wherein the flexible outer  
2     covering includes scent selected from vanilla, cinnamon, raspberry, cranberry,  
3     pumpkin pie and apple pie.
- 1           6.     The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein the flexible outer  
2     coating is a polymer.
- 1           7.     The light string assembly of claim 6, wherein at least one of a  
2     colored pigment and a scent is dispersed throughout the polymer.
- 1           8.     The light string assembly of claim 6, wherein the polymer is  
2     silicon gel.

1           9.     The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein each plain light  
2 bulb draws between about 1 and 4 watts when energized.

1           10.    The light string assembly of claim 9, wherein each plain light  
2 bulb draws between about 2 and 3 watts when energized.

1           11.    A decorative light string assembly kit, comprising:  
2                   a string of light bulb sockets electrically interconnected by an  
3 electrical cord and terminated by at least one electrical connector; and  
4                   at least two sets of decorative light bulbs, each decorative light  
5 bulb comprising a decorative portion and a socket portion configured for  
6 mating with one of the sockets, wherein each decorative light bulb comprises  
7 a plain light bulb covered by a flexible outer coating in the shape of a candle  
8 flame,

9                   wherein each set of decorative light bulbs includes a color or  
10 scent associated with a different holiday or season.

1           12.    The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the color is  
2 provided by mixing a colored pigment into the flexible outer coating.

1           13.    The light string assembly kit of claim 12, wherein the colored  
2 pigment is selected from red, white and blue for July Fourth, red and green  
3 for Christmas, red and white for Valentine's Day, and orange for Halloween.

1           14.    The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the flexible  
2 outer coating includes a scent dispersed therein.

1           15.    The light string assembly kit of claim 14, wherein the scent is  
2 selected from vanilla, cinnamon, orange and apple pie.

1           16.    The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the flexible  
2 outer coating is a polymer.

1           17.    The light string assembly kit of claim 16, wherein the polymer is  
2   silicon gel.

1           18.    The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein each plain light  
2   bulb draws between about 1 and 4 watts when energized.

1           19.    The light string assembly kit of claim 18, wherein each plain light  
2   bulb draws between about 2 and 3 watts when energized.

1           20.    A method for making a decorative light string assembly,  
2   comprising:

3                   coating a plurality of plain light bulbs with a polymeric gel to  
4   form a like plurality of decorative light bulbs, each plain light bulb drawing  
5   between about 1 watts and 4 watts when energized; and

6                   mating each of the decorative light bulbs in a light bulb socket of  
7   an electrical cord to electrically interconnect the light bulbs, the electrical cord  
8   having at least one end terminated by an electrical connector.

1           21.    The method of claim 20, further including applying at least one  
2   of a color and a scent to each of the light bulbs.

1           22.    The method of claim 21, wherein the applying step is performed  
2   by mixing at least one of a colored pigment and a scent into the gel prior to  
3   the coating.

1           23.    The method of claim 21, further including selecting the at least  
2   one of the color and scent based on a particular holiday.

1           24.    The method of claim 20, wherein the coating step is performed  
2   by dipping the plain light bulbs in the gel.